WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up International Airport in Jharkhand

†1475. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for constructing any international level airport at any place besides Ranchi in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government proposes to take any initiative in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The commercial viability, traffic demands, etc; presently, do not suggest the possibility of taking up any initiative in this regard.

Issue of NOC to Domestic Airlines

1476. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications pending for NOC for scheduled domestic airlines for more than one year;

(b) the precise reasons that these applications have not been processed for more than one year;

(c) whether Government is aware that companies desirous of seeking NOC have invested large amount on these projects; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take for speedy processing of these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) At present 10 applications for grant of NOC to operate Scheduled Air Transport Passenger Services are pending. The proposals are under examination interms of financial viability, project feasibility, profitability analysis and analysis of the business plan.

Subsequently, some of these applicants have converted their application to Scheduled Regional airline after introduction of the Civil Aviation Requirement Section 3-Air Transport Series 'C' Part VIII dated 23.8.2007 stipulating minimum requirements for grant of permit to operate scheduled regional air transport service. These applications are under consideration of the Government.

Magazines provided during flight

†1477. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the magazines in English, Hindi and other language being supplied in Aircrafts during flights;

(b) the comparative percentage of these magazines, language-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.